

**OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN EARL BLUMENAUER  
APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM  
FISCAL YEAR 2011**

**Instructions**

1. Please complete the entire form. **All fields are required.**
2. Please do not **bold**, underline, or *italicize* responses.
3. Request forms must be submitted as a Word document.
4. All completed request forms and any supplemental materials must be submitted via email to:  
[Appropriations.Blumenauer@mail.house.gov](mailto:Appropriations.Blumenauer@mail.house.gov)
5. Please do not send more than one request per email.
6. All completed request forms must be submitted no later than **Friday, February 26, 2010.**
7. If you do not receive an email confirming receipt of your request within 48 hours of submission, please contact Stephanie Cappa in Congressman Blumenauer's Washington, D.C. office at 202-225-4811.

*PLEASE NOTE: All appropriations requests submitted to Congressman Blumenauer's office will be made public on his website, as required by the House Committee on Appropriations.*

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**Project Details**

1. **Project title:** Virtual Convoy Operations Trainers (VCOT)
  
2. **Organization name and address** (the recipient of the funds):  
Oregon National Guard  
1776 Militia Way  
Salem, OR 97309
  
3. **Contact information**
  - a. **Project's primary contact:** Brigadier General Mike Caldwell
  - b. **Daytime telephone number/ mobile phone number:** (503)584-3985
  - c. **Email Address:** mike.caldwell@mil.state.or.us
  - d. **Project location** (if different than organization's address): Various
  
4. **Please describe the requesting organization's main activities.**  
The OR Air National Guard is vital to national defense and homeland security.
  
5. **Is this organization a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity?**  
Public
  
6. **From what federal agency and account are you requesting funds (Please be specific –e.g., Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account)?**  
OPA3 Line 177 - Training Devices, Nonsystem

**7. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (no more than 500 words).**

During FY11 the Army National Guard needs to continue fielding and upgrading Virtual Convoy Operations Trainers (VCOT). VCOT fielding and upgrading is the Army National Guard's # 1 priority for convoy training procurement. The VCOT has been enhanced to allow convoy soldiers to leave their vehicles and conduct independent dismounted operations which will greatly assist in training the identification and disposition of IEDs on the battlefield. Also, the VCOT allows training on several types of vehicles and with numerous types of weapons. Without this program, our Soldiers will continue to have fewer trainers than needed to train counter-IED drills, immediate action drills, and convoy operations.

**8. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?**

Virtual Convoy Operations Trainers (VCOT) are required for numerous Oregon National Guard units that are deploying or scheduled to deploy to Middle Eastern locations. VCOT is designed to work in conjunction with MRAP Vehicle Virtual Trainers in order to provide a complete convoy training package for our Soldiers. VCOT also trains vehicle crews who operate their vehicles to provide resupply and support. In both combat and resupply roles, the vehicle crews have been attacked and must be prepared to defend themselves and to defeat the enemy force. Virtual Convoy Operations Trainers (VCOT) are designed to be easily reconfigured to provide the training necessary for all of these crews to survive and win.

**9. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?**

Yes

**9a. If yes, please provide the fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.**

Congressional Funding History: **FY 2010** - \$3.6 Million, **FY 2009** - No Funds, **FY 2008** - \$17 Million, **FY 2007** - \$11 Million, **FY 2006** - \$4.5 Million

**Funding Details**

**10. Amount requested for this project: \$2 Million**

**11. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project (e.g., salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):**

All funds will be used to purchase training equipment/material.

**12. What is the total cost of the project? \$2 Million**

**13. Is this project scalable (i.e., If partial funding is awarded, will the organization still be able to use the funds in FY 2011?)? Yes**

**14. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please be specific about funding sources and funding amounts)**

None

**15. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project.**

None

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